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# **Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council**

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**July 10, 2017**

**Full Board Meeting #8**

**10:00 a.m.**

# Meeting Overview

## Main Objectives

- Review and approve meeting minutes
- Staff update on program initiatives, timelines, and legislative updates
- Workgroup (WG) updates:
  - Discuss the 2018 legislative report and topics
  - Review draft of the provider side of the palliative care website
  - Enlist member support for the production of a palliative care educational video
  - Obtain approval for objectives and outline for a planned Oct. 23 continuing education (CE) event
- Hear from our stakeholders



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**Review and approval of meeting  
minutes from April 3**

# Staff Update

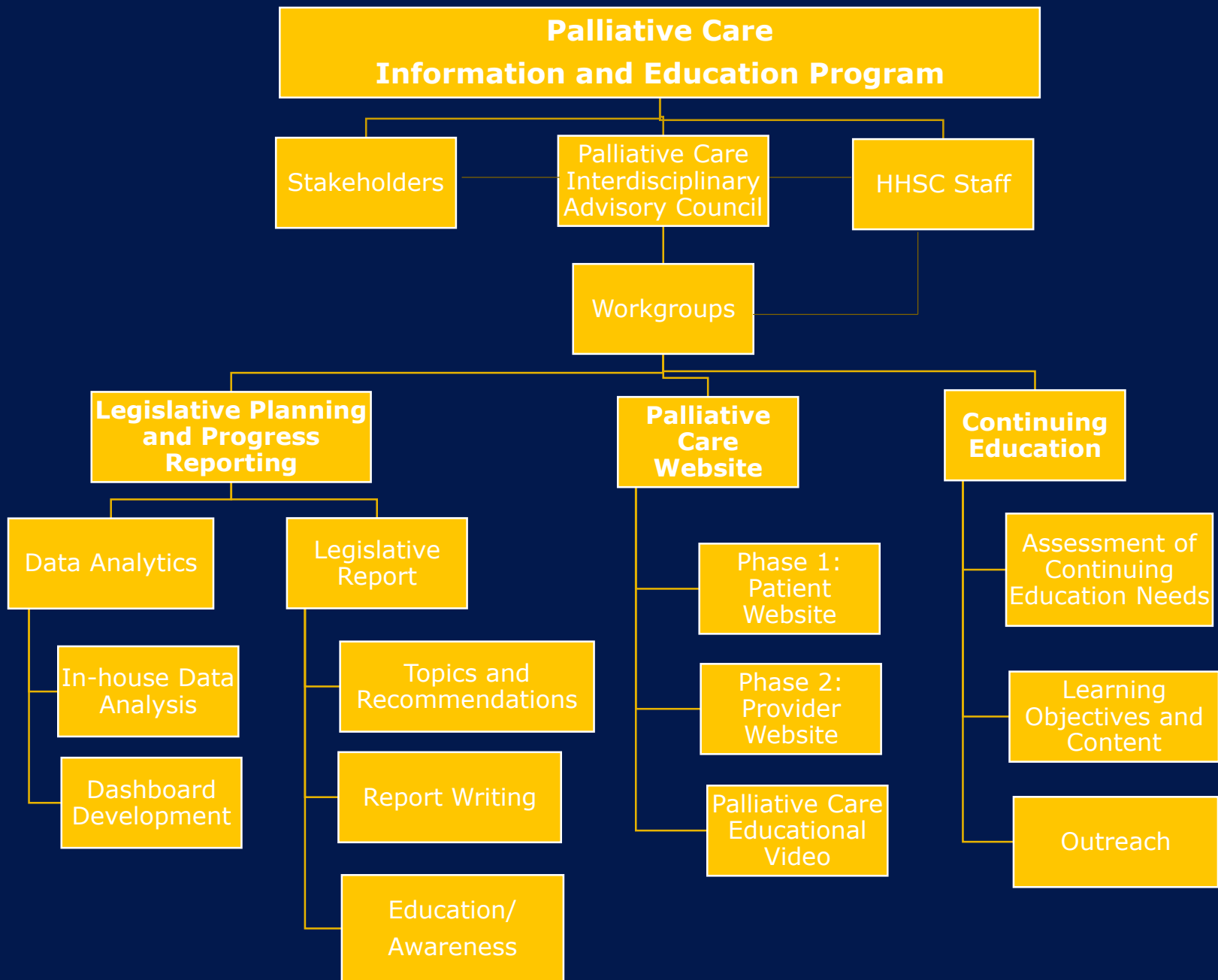
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## Program Initiatives

1. Planning and progress reporting
2. Data analytics
3. Patient and Provider palliative care website
4. Production of a palliative care educational video
5. Continuing education



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# Staff Update

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## Upcoming Milestones:

- **July 14:** Submit provider draft to web development team
  - Goal – Launch provider page before next council meeting
- **July 21:** Submit draft CE course packet
- **September 1:** Pre-production of palliative care video
- **October 23:** Next council meeting and continuing education event
- **January – March 2018:** Appointment of members
- **Aug. 1, 2018:** Legislative report approved and routed to legislature



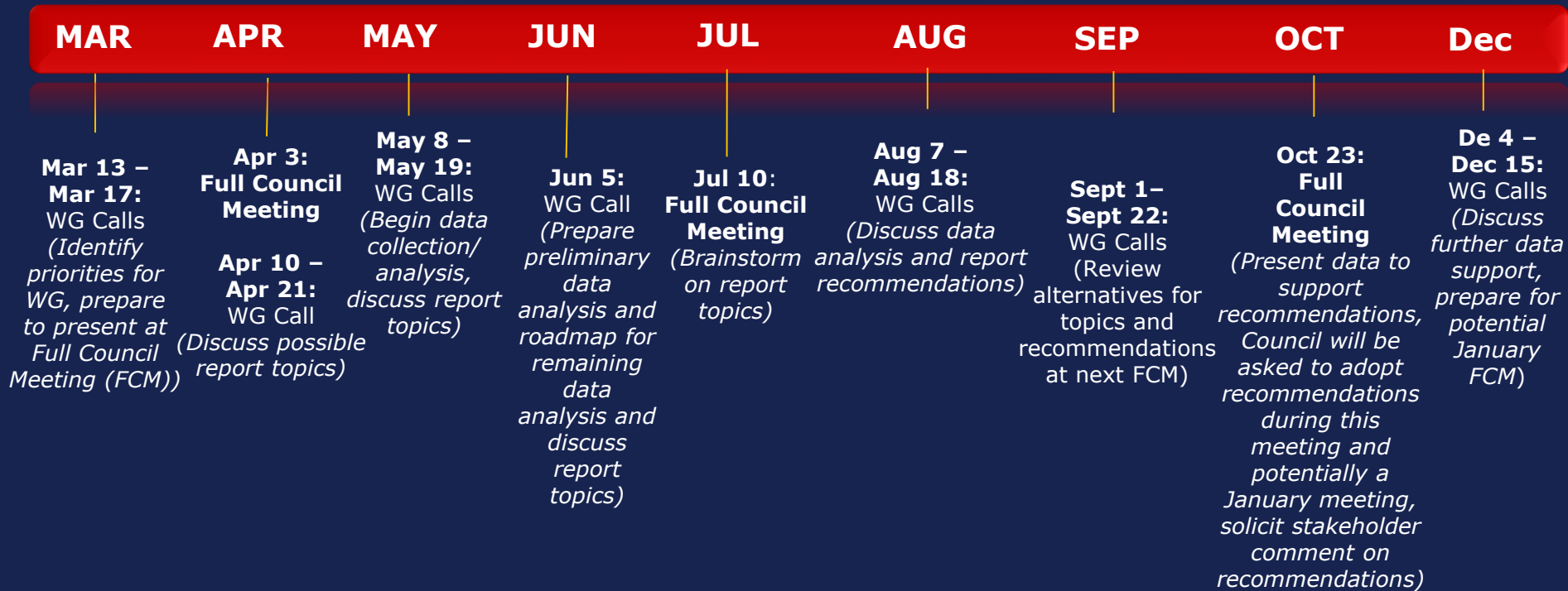
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# PCIAC Legislative Report



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## 2017 Legislative Report Timeline (Proposed)



\*The above dates are tentative.

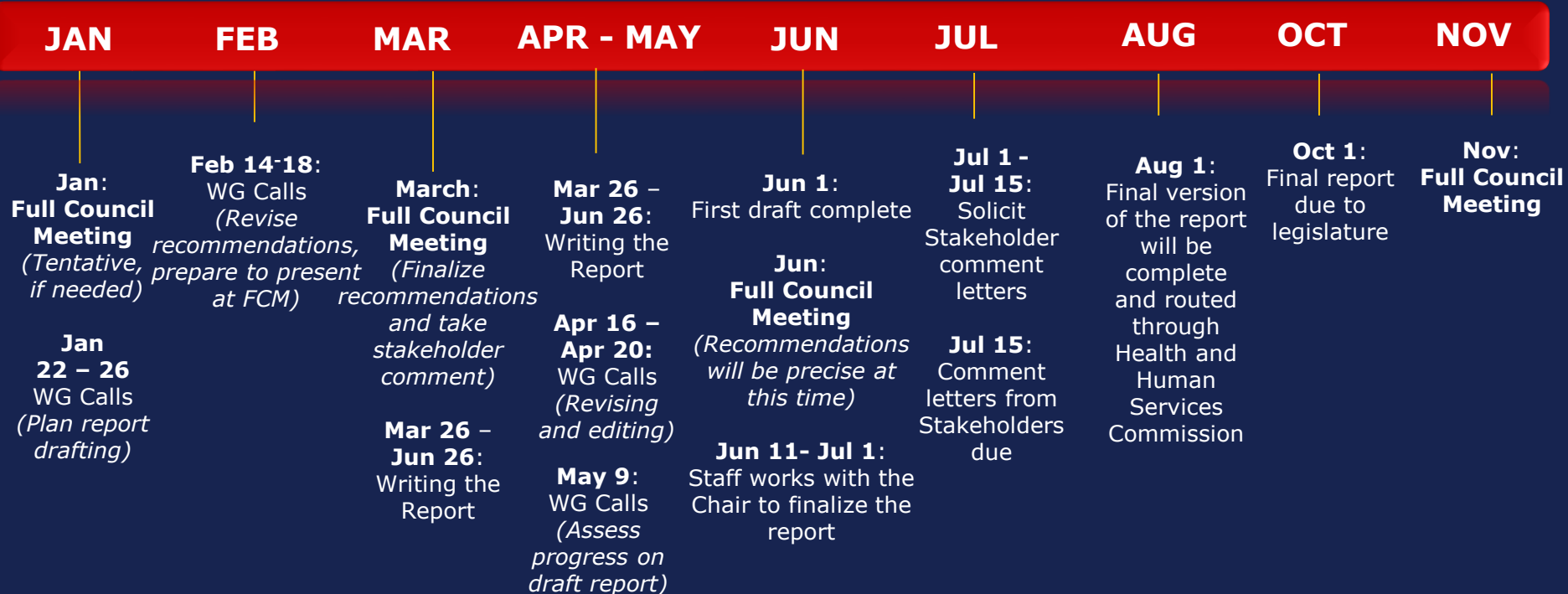


# PCIAC Legislative Report



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## 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session – The following bills have been signed:

- **Senate Bill (SB) 1731**
  - Relating to the repeal of laws governing certain state entities, including the functions of those entities (note that SB 1731 removed the Sunset date for the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council)
- **SB 919**
  - Authority of an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant to sign a death certificate or out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate order
- **House Bill (HB) 995**
  - Form and revocation of medical powers of attorney
- **HB 2561**
  - Continuation and functions of Texas State Board of Pharmacy



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## 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Special Session

- Begins July 18
- Call includes Sunset legislation for the Texas Medical Board
- Call might include legislation related to Do Not Resuscitate orders



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# Legislative Planning and Progress Reporting WG

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## Two major deliverables for the 2018 report to the legislature:

- Availability and quality data for both Supportive Palliative Care and Hospice Services across our diverse state
- Legislative planning recommendations to help Texas improve our National Palliative Care Registry grade



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# Legislative Planning and Progress Reporting WG

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## Data Analytics/Dashboard Update

- Hospital Supportive and Palliative Care (SPC) programs
  - Joint Commission (JC) certification, hospice vs. hospital affiliations
  - Provider specific PC board certifications
- Hospice programs
  - JC and/or Community Health Accreditation Partner certifications
  - Free standing or designated units
- Health professions/workforce data
  - Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physician's Assistants, Social Workers, Chaplains, Child Life Specialists
  - Pediatric vs. Adult
- Additional analytics
  - Long Term Acute Care hospitals with SPC services
  - Claims based utilization statistics
  - Quality measures



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# Legislative Planning and Progress Reporting WG

## HOSPITALS REPORTING PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICE PROGRAMS U.S. & TEXAS, 2012-2015

DATA		STAFFED BED SIZE			
		≥ 50		> 300	
Source	Year	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
CAPC U.S.	2012 / 2013	1,591 / 2,393	67%	659 / 732	90%
In-house Texas	2014	88 / 205	43%	42 / 59	71%
In-house Texas	2015	95 / 207	46%	40 / 56	71%
In-house Texas	2016	(In Progress)		(In Progress)	

# Legislative Planning and Progress Reporting WG

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## Legislative Report:

- Council charges include:
  - Identifying barriers to palliative care services
  - Improving availability of palliative care, particularly in early stages of illness
  - Evidence based policies, practices, and protocols
  - Patient's rights to information on palliative care
- Potential report topics include:
  - Communication/conversations
  - Education pipeline/workforce
  - Follow-up on previous report topics
  - Discussion on other ideas:
    - Goals = Topics
    - Strategies = Recommendations



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# Website Development WG



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## Palliative Care

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  - ▶ Mental Health & Substance Abuse
  - ▼ Palliative Care
    - Hospice Care
    - Supportive Palliative Care
  - ▶ Prevention
  - ▶ Women & Children
  - ▶ Youth in Foster Care
- ▶ Questions About Your Benefits
- ▶ Safety
- Service Coordination

A life-changing or serious illness can alter your quality of life. When you have a serious illness, the support of your medical team, family and friends makes a difference. This is where palliative care comes into play.

You may think palliative care is only for people with a terminal illness – but that's not entirely true. **Any person diagnosed with a chronic, serious illness can benefit from palliative care to improve their quality of life.** Supportive palliative care starts from day 1.

The focal point of palliative care is to provide better holistic symptoms management, pain, stress and symptom management for as long as your illness lasts, in coordination of ongoing concurrent treatment or if prognosis is 6 months or less, hospice care.

### What is Palliative Care?

Palliative care is patient-centered and family-focused. Palliative care is provided by a team of palliative care doctors, nurses, social workers and others who work together with a patient's other doctors to provide an extra layer of support. ([Center to Advance Palliative Care](#)®.)

Palliative care is more than simply managing your medical needs – it is a way to live life. It's providing compassion and quality care to you and your family members.



To visit the webpage go to: <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/palliative-care>



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# Website Development WG

## Discussion Points:

- Patient and family website is now live
  - Regular tracking of Google analytics
  - Translated and published in Spanish in July
- Next Steps for the website:
  - Provider and education page
    - Promote continuing education for health care providers
    - Compile model policies, practices, protocols and other technical assistance resources
  - Palliative care educational video



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# Website Development WG

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## Main Points for Provider Page:

- Why palliative care matters in Texas
- Where you can learn more about palliative care services
- The benefits of providing palliative care
- Working in an interdisciplinary team
- Knowing if your patient qualifies for palliative care services
- Patient referral services for supportive and palliative care and hospice
- Approaching your patient and their family about palliative care
- Pediatric palliative care



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# Website Development WG

## Video Development:

- Five-minute video discussing palliative care
- Approximately three interviews
  - Two interviews with someone who has received palliative care, family members, or friends
  - One interview with a palliative care provider
  - Video team will travel to San Antonio, Houston or Dallas
- WG will draft six to 10 interview questions – requesting council input
- Timeline:
  1. Preproduction: Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  2. Production: Nov. 1 to Jan. 31, 2018
  3. Postproduction: Feb. 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018



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# Continuing Education WG

## Continuing Education Event:

- WG is planning CE event (up to three hours)
- Scheduled (tentative): October 23 in Brown-Heatly public hearing room
- Working with Department of State Health Services (Continuing Education Service, Office of Academic Affairs)
- Goals:
  - Credit for multiple disciplines
  - Include at least one ethics credit
  - Live event available in person and through webinar or webcasting
  - May develop into a regularly scheduled series



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# Continuing Education WG

## Proposed Event Planning Milestones:

- Today: Discuss learning objectives and overall plan for the event
- July 19: Planning committee compiles information needed for CE Doc Pac
  - Planning committee disclosure forms
  - Speaker biographical information
  - Learning needs assessment/learning objectives
  - Program structure and content
  - Evaluation
- July 21: Staff completes CE Doc Pac



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# Continuing Education WG

## Proposed Event Planning Milestones (cont.):

- July/August:
  - Doc Pac revisions
  - Promotional materials
  - Registration form/link to webpage
  - Save the date announcement
- September/October:
  - Beta testing
  - Marketing/promotional activities
  - Registration
  - Logistical preparations
- Oct. 23: CE Event
- Post Event: Evaluation and certification



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## Staff Action Items



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## Public Comment

Onsite participants, please come to the podium and provide your name and organization for the record.

Comments may be submitted in writing to staff for inclusion in the meeting record.

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**Meeting Adjourned**



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# Thank you

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